

**George Washington to Timothy Bedel, February 1, 1776,
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***To COLONEL TIMOTHY BEDEL**

Cambridge, February 1, 1776.

Sir: The Continental Congress having called upon the Government of New Hampshire to raise a Regiment for the Service of the United Colonies, which they have accordingly complied with and appointed you to the Command of; I have to desire that you will use the utmost diligence and dispatch possible, to raise the said Regiment, and march it into Canada by the way of No. 4, and Onion River, on which Communication a supply of Provisions will be laid, by Order of Major General Schuyler.

This Regiment is to be rais'd upon the Continental Establishment, and agreeable to the terms and requisition of the Congress, as transmitted to New Hampshire. As the Necessity of reinforcing our Troops Posted before, and forming the Blockade of Quebec, is too apparent to need description, I would have you order each Company to March as fast as they are rais'd, the whole putting themselves under the Command of the Genl. or Commanding Officer in Canada, as fast as they arrive there.

Such Necessaries as are indispensably necessary for the use of your Regiment will, I expect, be provided for you by your Colony, in the doing of which, and on your March, I recommend the utmost Oeconomy, that can be used consistent with dispatch.

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You will take under your care, Jean Baptist, together with the other Indians (now at this place) of the Caghnawaga Tribe, and conduct them in the safest, and most agreeable manner to themselves, into Canada. You will receive a Warrant upon the Pay master, for the Sum of £100 Lawful with which you are to bear their Expences, rendering an Acct. of the just expenditure thereof, for their use to the Commissary of the Northern department when you get there; who will be advertized of this Matter and directed to settle with you.

These, Sir, are my Instructions, to which I doubt not, you will pay a proper Attention. I must again recommend your making all possible dispatch; and that you may have a Share in the Glory of expelling the Instruments of ministerial Tyranny, from that fair Province, is the sincere Wish, of, Sir, etc.¹

¹he last paragraph is in the handwriting of Stephen Moylan.